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I'M WARNING YOU, GIRL--
TELL ME WHERE PLASTIC MAN IS HIDING--
--OR ELSE!

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BAT MAN
AND
TWINKIELESS GOTHAM CITY
I'LL RUIN THIS TOWN! GOTHAM CITY WILL BE TWINKIELESS! I HAVE HOARDED ALL THE TWINKIES BY HYPNOTIZING THE TWINKIES DELIVERY MEN.
BATMAN, THIS IS TERRIBLE. ALL THE HOSTESS TWINKIES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM GOTHAM CITY. WE NEED YOUR HELP DESPERATELY.
EMERGENCY, ROBIN! GET TO THE BATMOBILE!
MY SEAT BELT'S AS GOOD AS FASTENED!
WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD BE SO FOUL AS TO DO SUCH A DASTARDLY TRICK, BATMAN?
NO FIEND WOULD BE SO FOWL EXCEPT... YES... THE PENGUIN...
PENGUIN, RELEASE THE TWINKIES DELIVERY MEN FROM THEIR SPELL.
NEVER! NO ONE WILL EVER GET ANY TWINKIES!
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RESPONDING TO A SCREECHING ALARM, PLAZ AND WOOZY RUSH INTO A SECRET N.B.I. RESEARCH LABORATORY, ONLY TO FIND...
THERE THEY ARE-- SCOOPING UP SECRET DOCUMENTS IN THEIR HOT LITTLE SYNTHETIC HANDS!
LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T GET HERE A MOMENT TOO SOON!
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1003?
RIGHT YOU ARE, PLAZ! BUT WHO /, OR WHAT... ARE THEY??
OKAY, READERS, GET SET FOR A STORY SO COMPLEX AND CONFUSING IT COULD ONLY BE CALLED...
The BOGUS-MEN WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!
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THEY'RE ANDROIDS! THE CHIEF DUBBED THEM "THE BOGUS-MEN" AND THIS IS THE SECOND INSTALLATION THEY'VE RAIDED!
SO, WATCH YOURSELF, WOOZY... THEY'RE SUPER-STRONG-- AND SUPER-FAST!
"SUPER-FAST" ISN'T THE WORD FOR IT... FOR JUST AS PLAZ IS ABOUT TO GRAB THEM...
SLAM!
SLAM THE DOOR IN MY FACE, WILL YA?
THAT'S THE HEIGHT OF IMPOLITE!
STILL, A GUY WITH MY POWERS CAN ALWAYS...
EYOWW!
THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME TO PULL THIS MANEUVER! AND WITH HOBNAIL BOOTS, YET!
WHOEVER'S CONTROLLING THESE MOCK-MEN SURE KNOWS HIS STUFF!
DON'T WORRY, PLAZ! I'LL HELP YA!
URRRK!
SECRET
EYES ONLY
WOOZY, YOU'RE STANDING ON ME! GET OFF, WILL YA?
GET OFF!
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OOPS! SORRY PLAZ! DIDN'T SEE YOU DOWN THERE!
SPPOING
NO ADMITTANCE
FLAP
FLAP!
FLAP!
EEEYA
PLAZ! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE, OLD BUDDY?
THIS IS NO TIME TO PLAY WINDOW-SHADE! YOU'VE--
ONE MORE CLEVER OBSERVATION OUT OF YOU, MR. WINKS, AND I'LL--
I'LL.. I'LL..
OH NEVER MIND.. GUESS THIS WAS REALLY MY OWN FAULT, ANYWAY!
I WAS SO CONCERNED WITH GRABBING THOSE BOGUS-MEN, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT NEWTON'S THIRD LAW AND THE SNAPPED RUBBER-BAND EFFECT!
AND WHILE I WAS BUSY FLAPPING AROUND IN THE AIR, OUR ADVERSARIES-- THANKS TO THEIR SUPER-SPEED -- GOT CLEAN AWAY!
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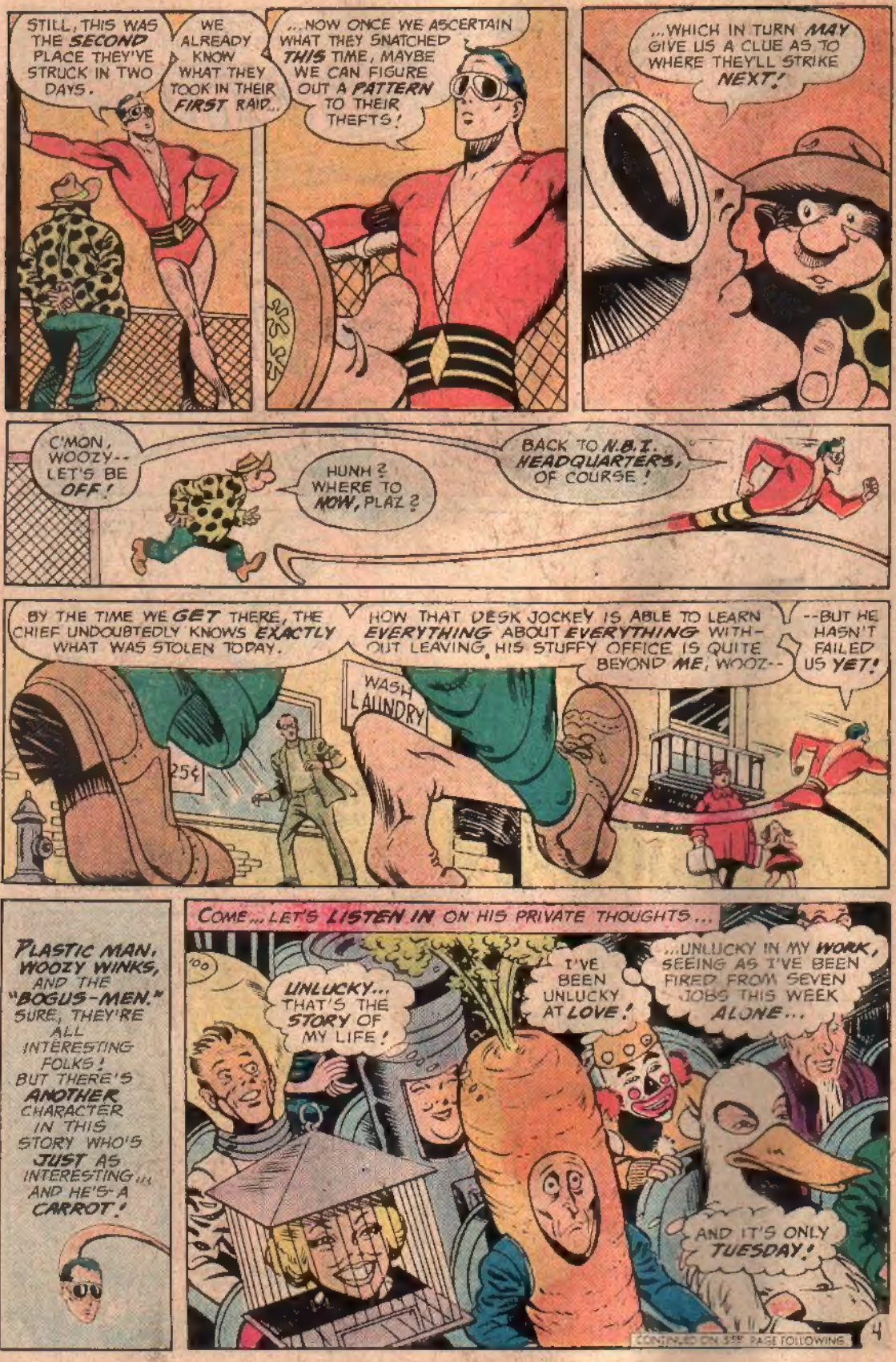
STILL, THIS WAS THE SECOND PLACE THEY'VE STRUCK IN TWO DAYS.
WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEY TOOK IN THEIR FIRST RAID..
...NOW ONCE WE ASCERTAIN WHAT THEY SNATCHED THIS TIME, MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT A PATTERN TO THEIR THEFTS!
...WHICH IN TURN MAY GIVE US A CLUE AS TO WHERE THEY'LL STRIKE NEXT!
C'MON, WOOZY-- LET'S BE OFF!
HUNH? WHERE TO NOW, PLAZ?
BACK TO N.B.I. HEADQUARTERS, OF COURSE!
BY THE TIME WE GET THERE, THE CHIEF UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WAS STOLEN TODAY.
HOW THAT DESK JOCKEY IS ABLE TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING WITH-OUT LEAVING HIS STUFFY OFFICE IS QUITE BEYOND ME, WOOZ--
--BUT HE HASN'T FAILED US YET!
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PLASTIC MAN, WOOZY WINKS, AND THE "BOGUS-MEN." SURE, THEY'RE ALL INTERESTING FOLKS! BUT THERE'S ANOTHER CHARACTER IN THIS STORY WHO'S JUST AS INTERESTING... AND HE'S A CARROT!
COME... LET'S LISTEN IN ON HIS PRIVATE THOUGHTS...
UNLUCKY... THAT'S THE STORY OF MY LIFE!
I'VE BEEN UNLUCKY AT LOVE!
...UNLUCKY IN MY WORK, SEEING AS I'VE BEEN FIRED FROM SEVEN JOBS THIS WEEK ALONE...
AND IT'S ONLY TUESDAY!
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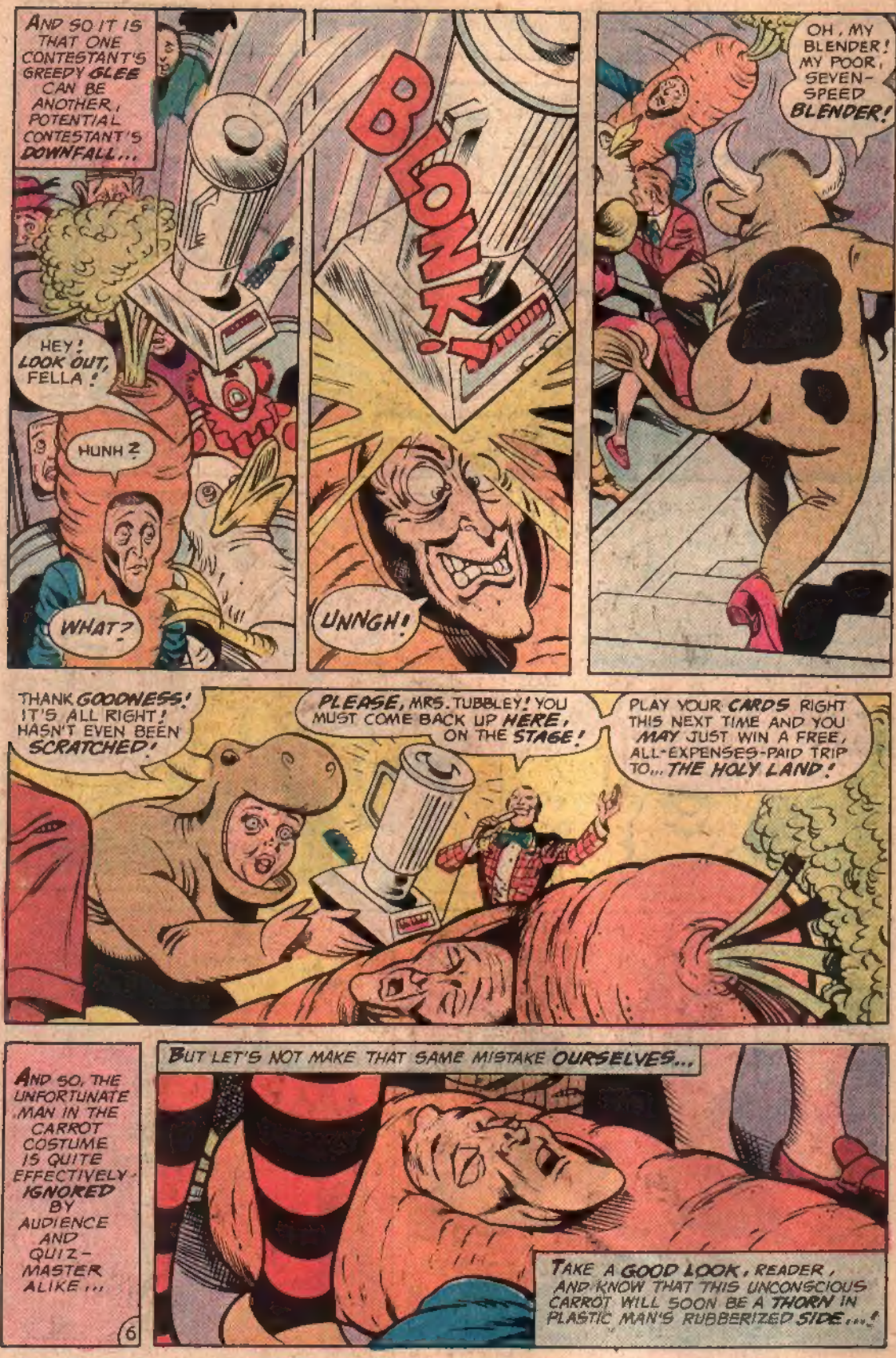
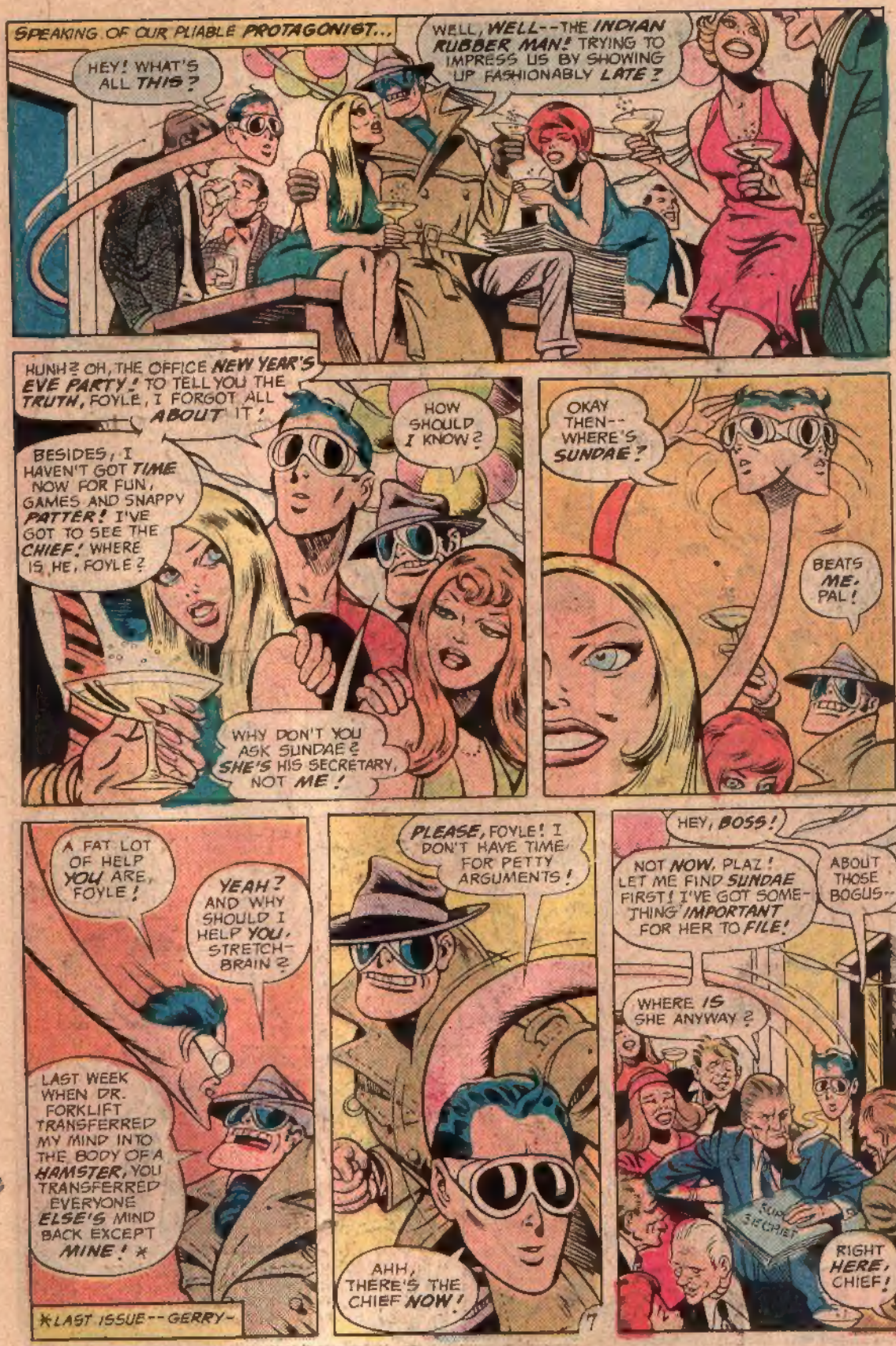
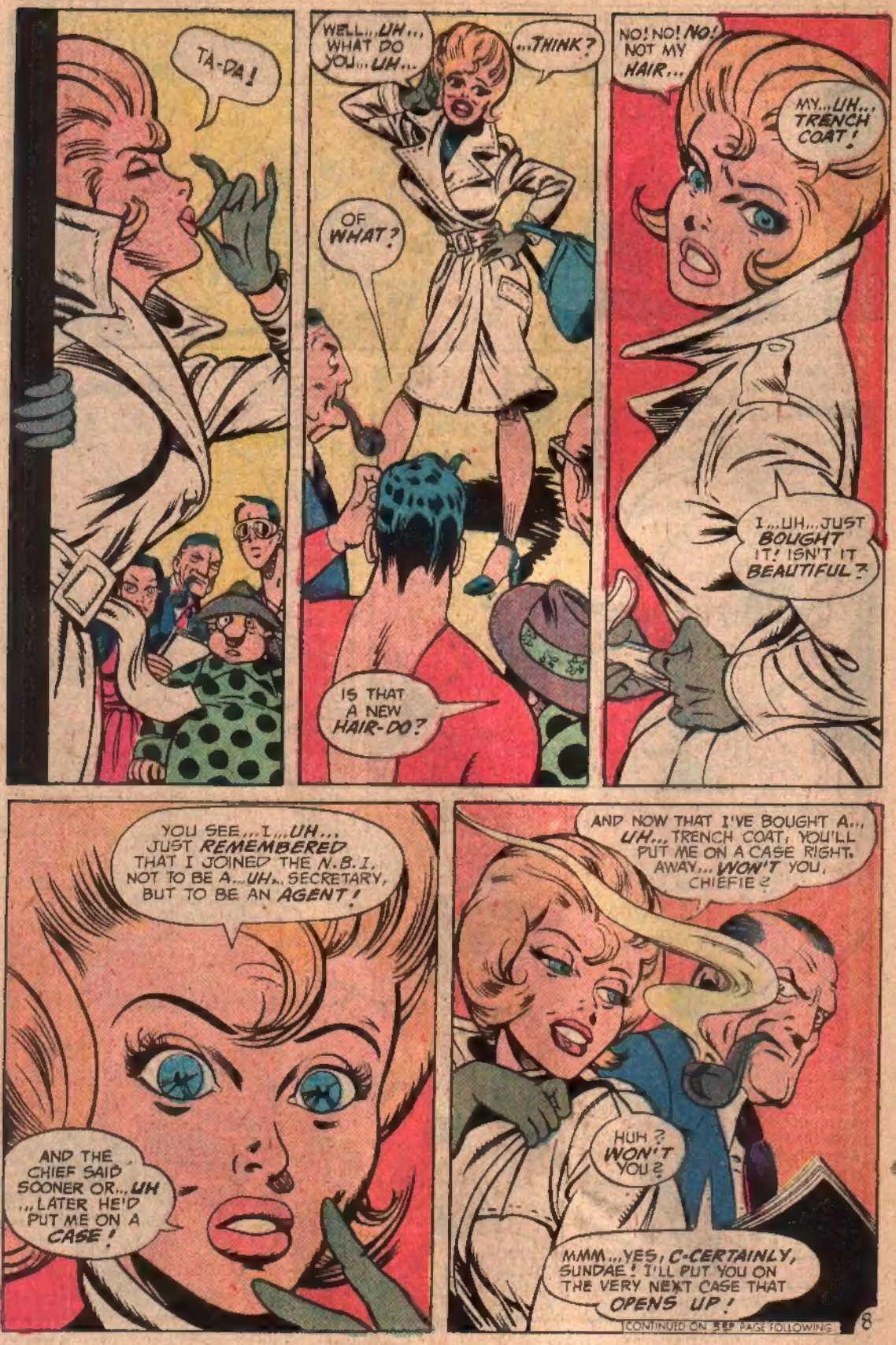
BUT PERHAPS THIS TIME MY LUCK WILL CHANGE!
PERHAPS THE QUIZ-MASTER WILL CHOOSE ME AS THE NEXT CONTESTANT--
AFTER HE'S FINISHED WITH THAT LADY IN THE SILLY COW COSTUME!
YEP, YOU GUESSED IT, READER--WE'RE ON HAND AT A TELECAST OF THAT EVER-POPULAR T.V. QUIZ SHOW--"LET'S MAKE A STEAL"...
--STARRING THE ONE-AND-ONLY MASTER OF CEREMONIES WITH THE-MILE-A-MINUTE MOUTH, MUSTY CORRIDOR...!
ALL RIGHT, MRS. TUBBLEY, THE CHOICE IS YOURS!
DO YOU WANT BOX NUMBER ONE, BOX NUMBER TWO...
...OR BOX NUMBER THREE!
TAKE BOX ONE!
TAKE BOX TWO!
DON'T TAKE BOX THREE! IT'S A TRICK!
NO, IT ISN'T!
YES, IT IS!
YOU WANNA STEP OUTSIDE!?
I PICK... BOX NUMBER THREE!
AND HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE WON--
A SEVEN-SPEED BLENDER!
OH WOW!
YIPPEE! HOORAY! I WON A BLENDER! A BLENDER!
OH, GOODY, GOODY, GOODY!
YIPPEE!
YIPPEE!
YIPPEE!!
HOO-RAY
WHOOPS!


AND SO IT IS THAT ONE CONTESTANT'S GREEDY GLEE CAN BE ANOTHER, POTENTIAL CONTESTANT'S DOWNFALL...
HEY! LOOK OUT, FELLA!
HUNH?
WHAT?
BLONK!
UNNGH!
OH, MY BLENDER! MY POOR, SEVEN-SPEED BLENDER!
THANK GOODNESS! IT'S ALL RIGHT! HASN'T EVEN BEEN SCRATCHED!
PLEASE, MRS. TUBBLEY! YOU MUST COME BACK UP HERE, ON THE STAGE!
PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT THIS NEXT TIME AND YOU MAY JUST WIN A FREE, ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO... THE HOLY LAND!
AND SO, THE UNFORTUNATE MAN IN THE CARROT COSTUME IS QUITE EFFECTIVELY IGNORED BY AUDIENCE AND QUIZ-MASTER ALIKE...
BUT LET'S NOT MAKE THAT SAME MISTAKE OURSELVES...
TAKE A GOOD LOOK, READER, AND KNOW THAT THIS UNCONSCIOUS CARROT WILL SOON BE A THORN IN PLASTIC MAN'S RUBBERIZED SIDE...!


SPEAKING OF OUR PLIABLE PROTAGONIST...
HEY! WHAT'S ALL THIS?
WELL, WELL--THE INDIAN RUBBER MAN! TRYING TO IMPRESS US BY SHOWING UP FASHIONABLY LATE?
HUNH? OH, THE OFFICE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, FOYLE, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
BESIDES, I HAVEN'T GOT TIME NOW FOR FUN, GAMES AND SNAPPY PATTER! I'VE GOT TO SEE THE CHIEF! WHERE IS HE, FOYLE?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK SUNDAE? SHE'S HIS SECRETARY, NOT ME!
OKAY THEN-- WHERE'S SUNDAE?
BEATS ME, PAL!
A FAT LOT OF HELP YOU ARE, FOYLE!
YEAH? AND WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU, STRETCH-BRAIN?
LAST WEEK WHEN DR. FORKLIFT TRANSFERRED MY MIND INTO THE BODY OF A HAMSTER, YOU TRANSFERRED EVERYONE ELSE'S MIND BACK EXCEPT MINE! *
*LAST ISSUE--GERRY-
PLEASE, FOYLE! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR PETTY ARGUMENTS!
AHH, THERE'S THE CHIEF NOW!
HEY, BOSS!
NOT NOW, PLAZ! LET ME FIND SUNDAE FIRST! I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR HER TO FILE!
ABOUT THOSE BOGUS--
WHERE IS SHE ANYWAY?
SUP SECRET
RIGHT HERE, CHIEF!


TA-DA!
WELL...UH... WHAT DO YOU...UH...
...THINK?
OF WHAT?
IS THAT A NEW HAIR-DO?
NO! NO! NO! NOT MY HAIR...
MY...UH... TRENCH COAT!
I...UH...JUST BOUGHT IT! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
YOU SEE...I...UH... JUST REMEMBERED THAT I JOINED THE N.B.I., NOT TO BE A...UH... SECRETARY, BUT TO BE AN AGENT!
AND THE CHIEF SAID SOONER OR...UH ...LATER HE'D PUT ME ON A CASE!
AND NOW THAT I'VE BOUGHT A... UH... TRENCH COAT, YOU'LL PUT ME ON A CASE RIGHT AWAY... WON'T YOU, CHIEFIE?
HUH? WON'T YOU?
MMM...YES, C-CERTAINLY, SUNDAE! I'LL PUT YOU ON THE VERY NEXT CASE THAT OPENS UP!
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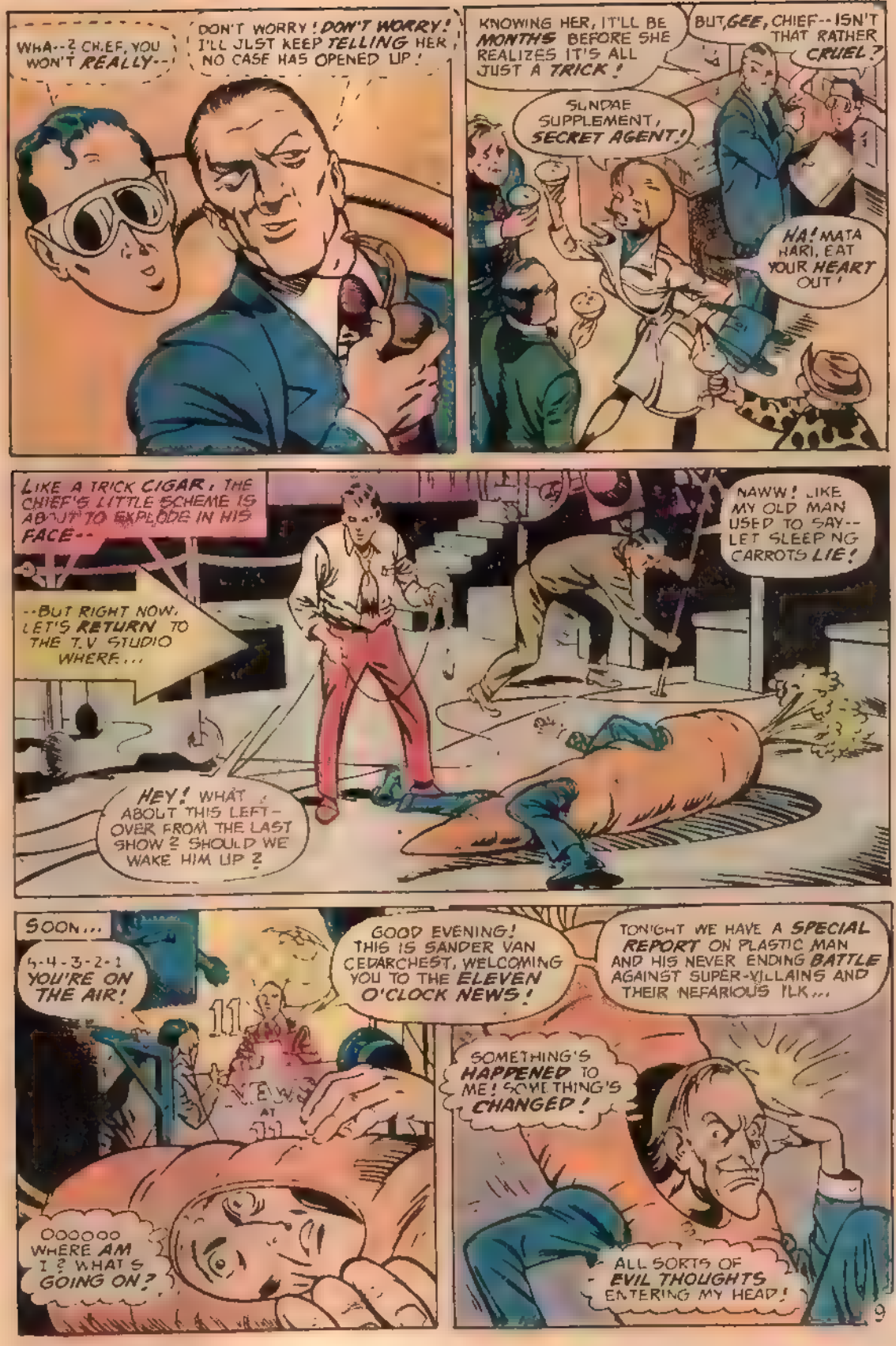
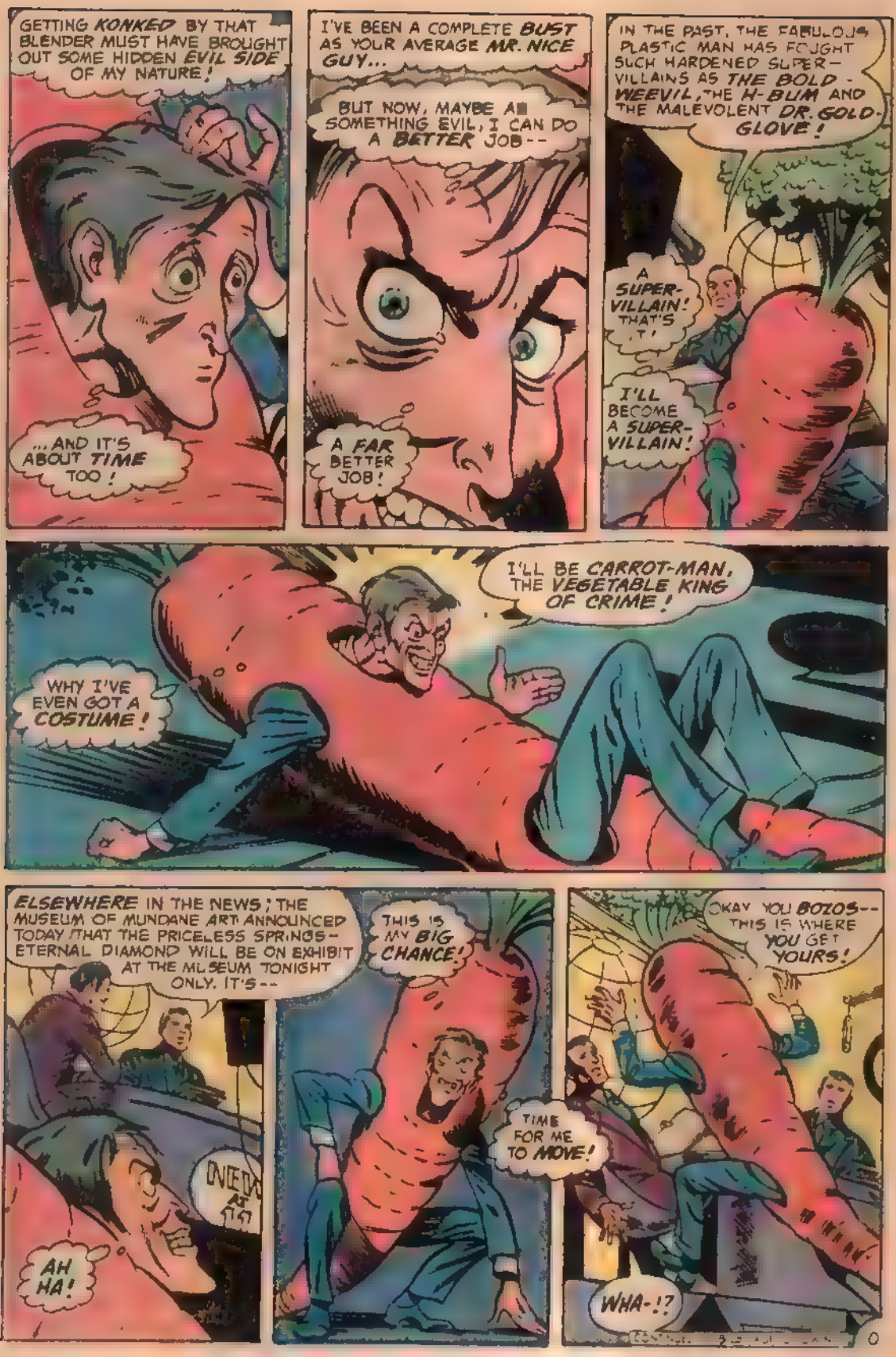

WHA--? CHIEF, YOU WON'T REALLY--!
DON'T WORRY! DON'T WORRY! I'LL JUST KEEP TELLING HER, NO CASE HAS OPENED UP!
KNOWING HER, IT'LL BE MONTHS BEFORE SHE REALIZES IT'S ALL JUST A TRICK!
BUT, GEE, CHIEF--ISN'T THAT RATHER CRUEL?
SUNDAE SUPPLEMENT, SECRET AGENT!
HA! MATA HARI, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!
LIKE A TRICK CIGAR, THE CHIEF'S LITTLE SCHEME IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE IN HIS FACE--
--BUT RIGHT NOW, LET'S RETURN TO THE T.V STUDIO WHERE...
NAWW! LIKE MY OLD MAN USED TO SAY--LET SLEEP NG CARROTS LIE!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT THIS LEFT-OVER FROM THE LAST SHOW? SHOULD WE WAKE HIM UP?
SOON...
5-4-3-2-1 YOU'RE ON THE AIR!
GOOD EVENING! THIS IS SANDER VAN CEDARCHEST, WELCOMING YOU TO THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS!
TONIGHT WE HAVE A SPECIAL REPORT ON PLASTIC MAN AND HIS NEVER ENDING BATTLE AGAINST SUPER-VILLAINS AND THEIR NEFARIOUS ILK...
OOOOOO WHERE AM I? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO ME! SOMETHING'S CHANGED!
ALL SORTS OF - EVIL THOUGHTS ENTERING MY HEAD!


GETTING KONKED BY THAT BLENDER MUST HAVE BROUGHT OUT SOME HIDDEN EVIL SIDE OF MY NATURE!
...AND IT'S ABOUT TIME TOO!
I'VE BEEN A COMPLETE BUST AS YOUR AVERAGE MR. NICE GUY...
BUT NOW, MAYBE AS SOMETHING EVIL, I CAN DO A BETTER JOB--
A FAR BETTER JOB!
IN THE PAST, THE FABULOUS PLASTIC MAN HAS FOUGHT SUCH HARDENED SUPER-VILLAINS AS THE BOLD WEEVIL, THE H-BUM AND THE MALEVOLENT DR. GOLD-GLOVE!
A SUPER-VILLAIN! THAT'S IT!
I'LL BECOME A SUPER-VILLAIN!
I'LL BE CARROT-MAN, THE VEGETABLE KING OF CRIME!
WHY I'VE EVEN GOT A COSTUME!
ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWS; THE MUSEUM OF MUNDANE ART ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PRICELESS SPRINGS-ETERNAL DIAMOND WILL BE ON EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM TONIGHT ONLY. IT'S--
AH HA!
THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE!
TIME FOR ME TO MOVE!
OKAY YOU BOZOS-- THIS IS WHERE YOU GET YOURS!
WHA-!?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
OFFICER... SUPERMAN, MY NAME IS HARRY JONES. I OWN THIS BUILDING AND I HIRED THIS BOY TO PAINT A MURAL ON IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY RAN LIKE THAT
BOYS, THE POLICEMAN WAS DOING HIS JOB. HE MUST INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE PROPERTY DAMAGE!
BY RUNNING AWAY, YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELVES LOOK GUILTY.
DAN HERE, DID THE RIGHT THING. WHEN A POLICEMAN APPROACHES, REMAIN CALM AND COOPERATE. HIS JOB IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW...
...WHICH HELPS EVERYBODY

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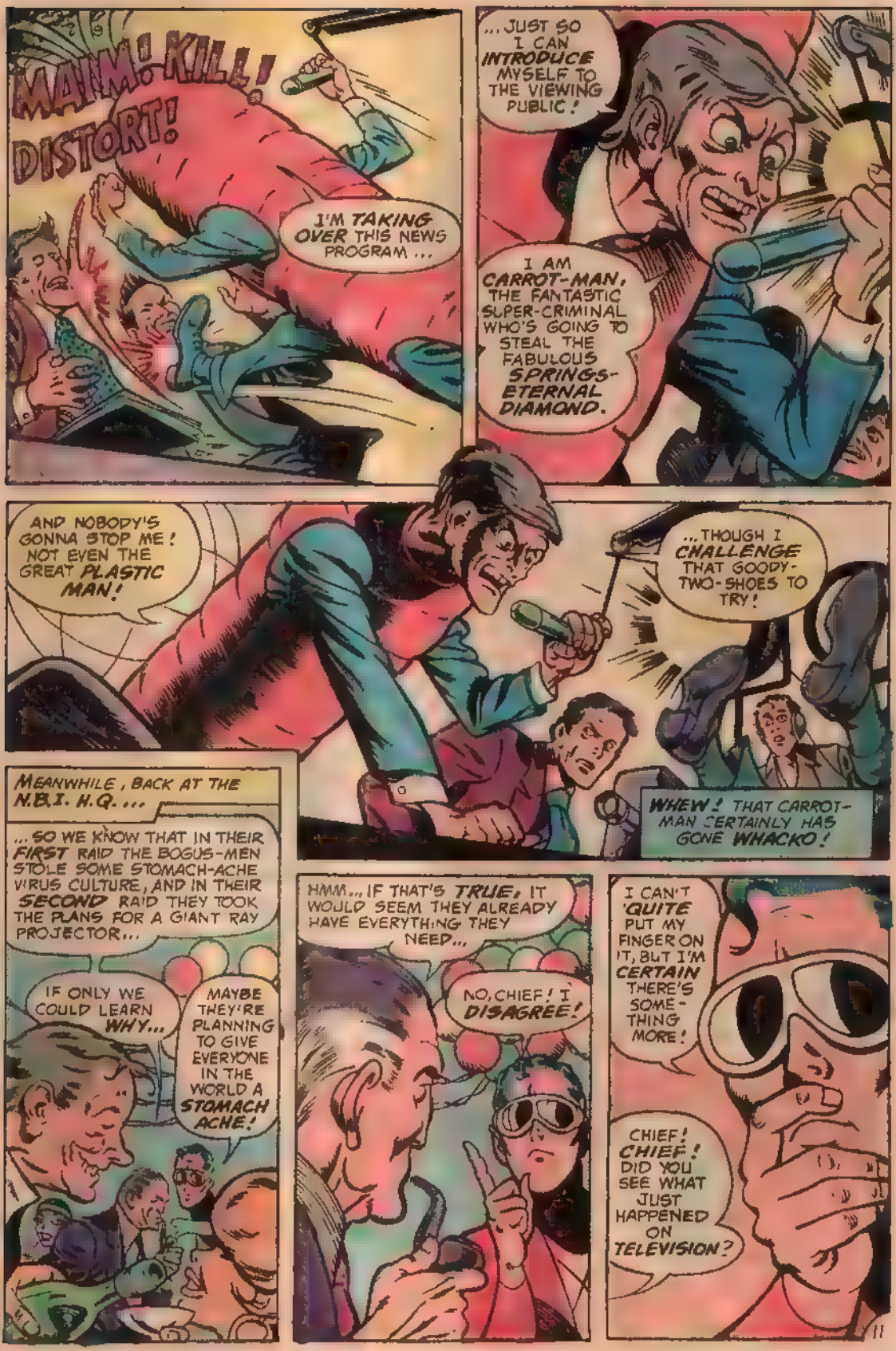
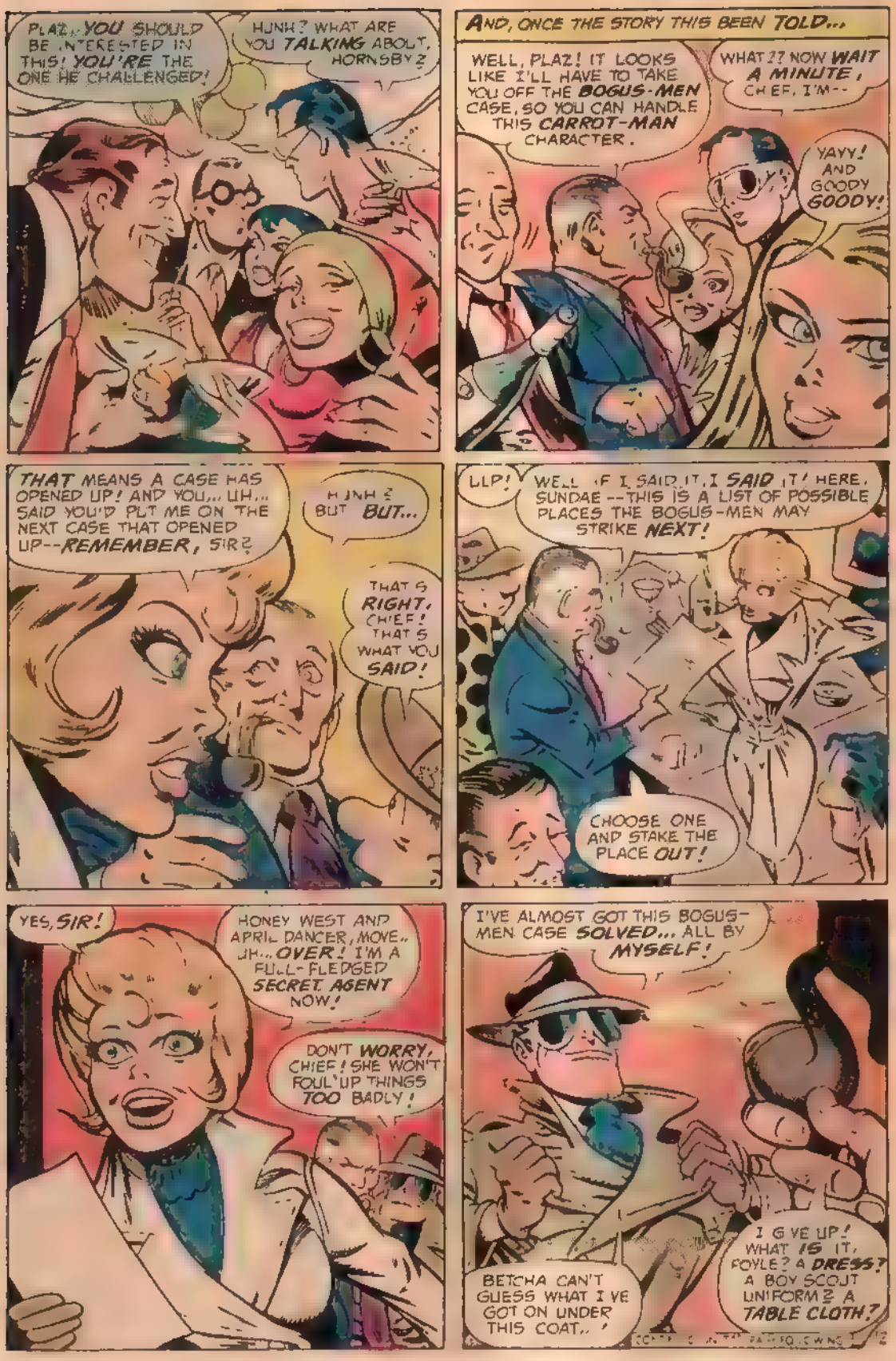
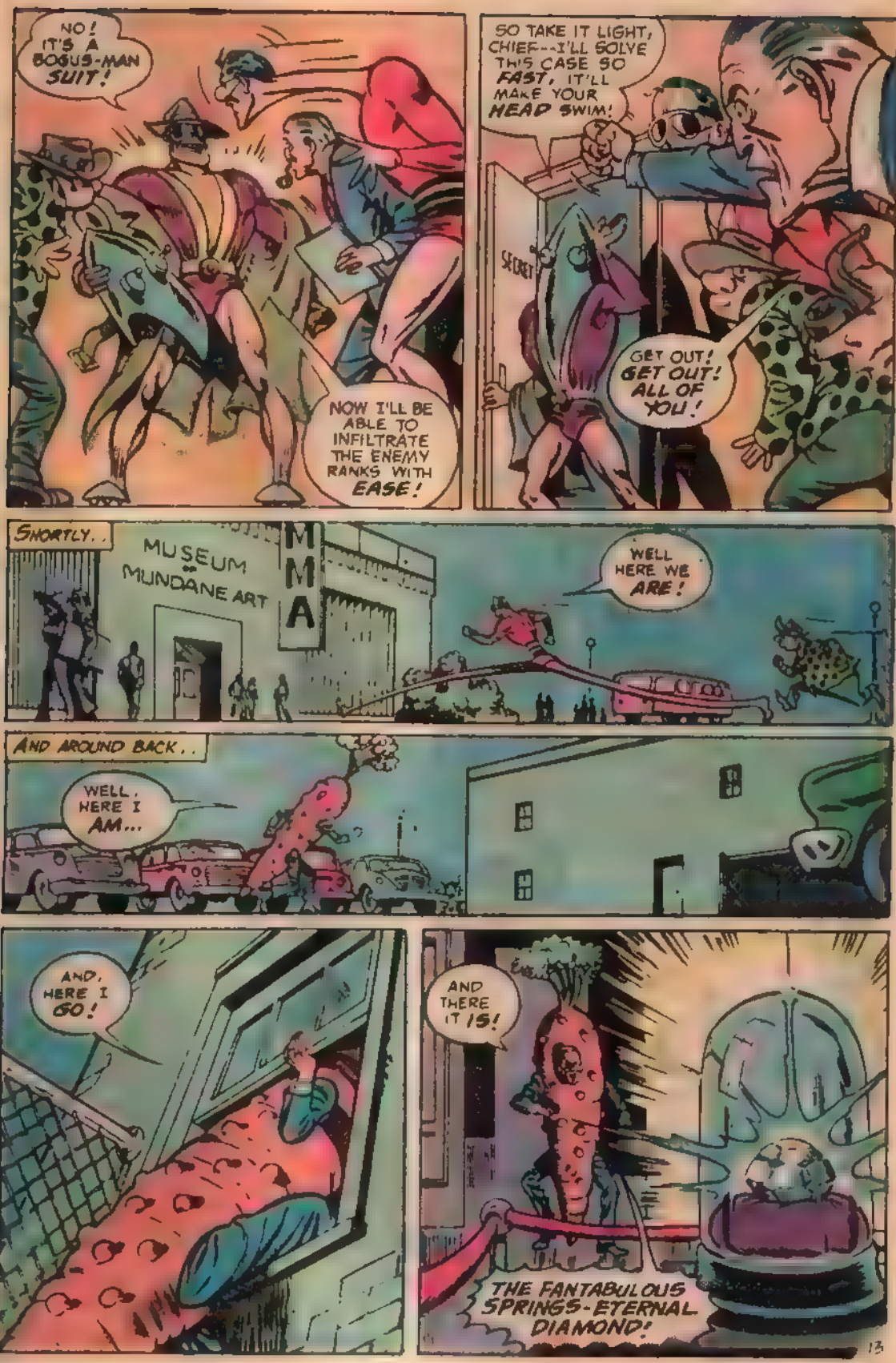
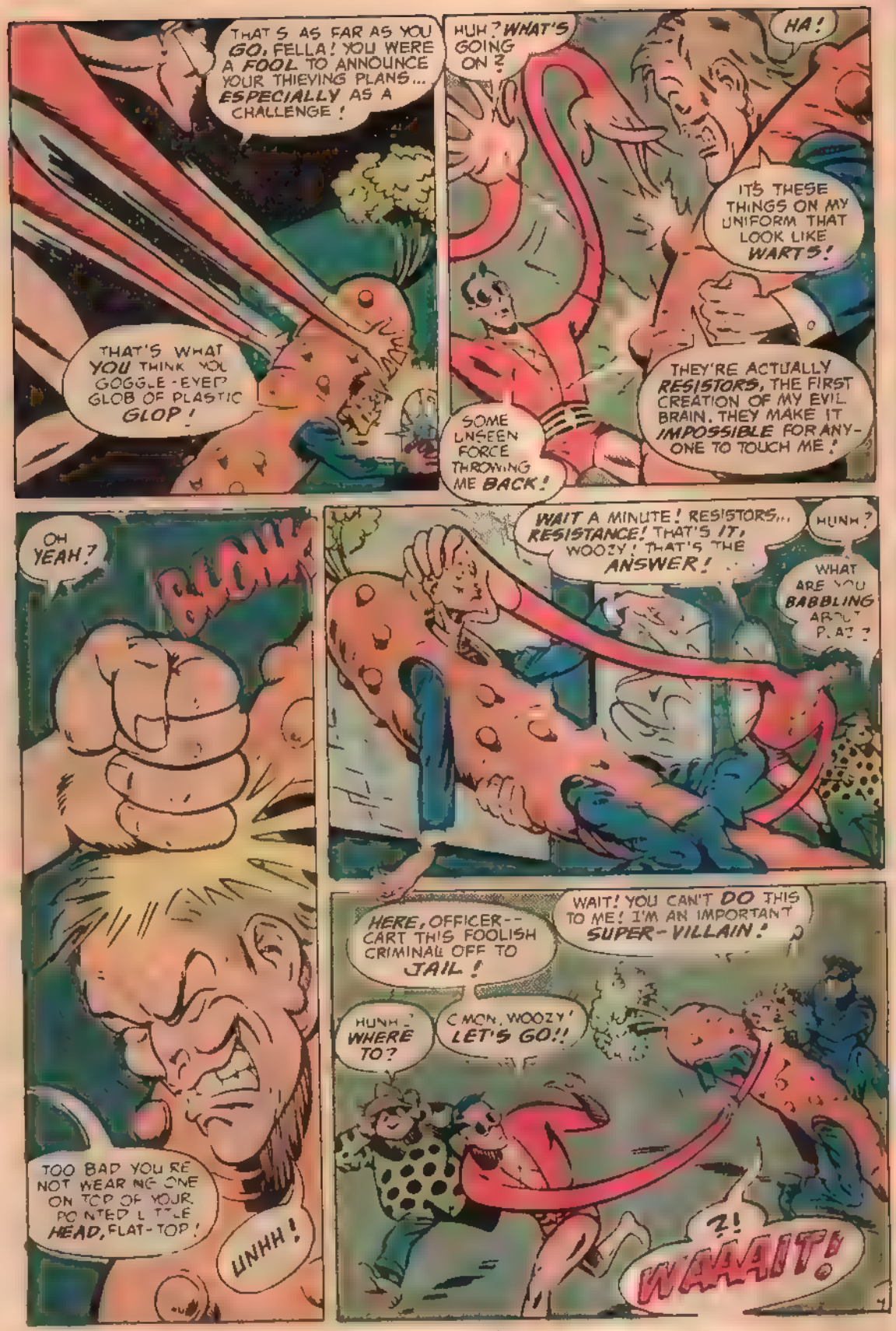
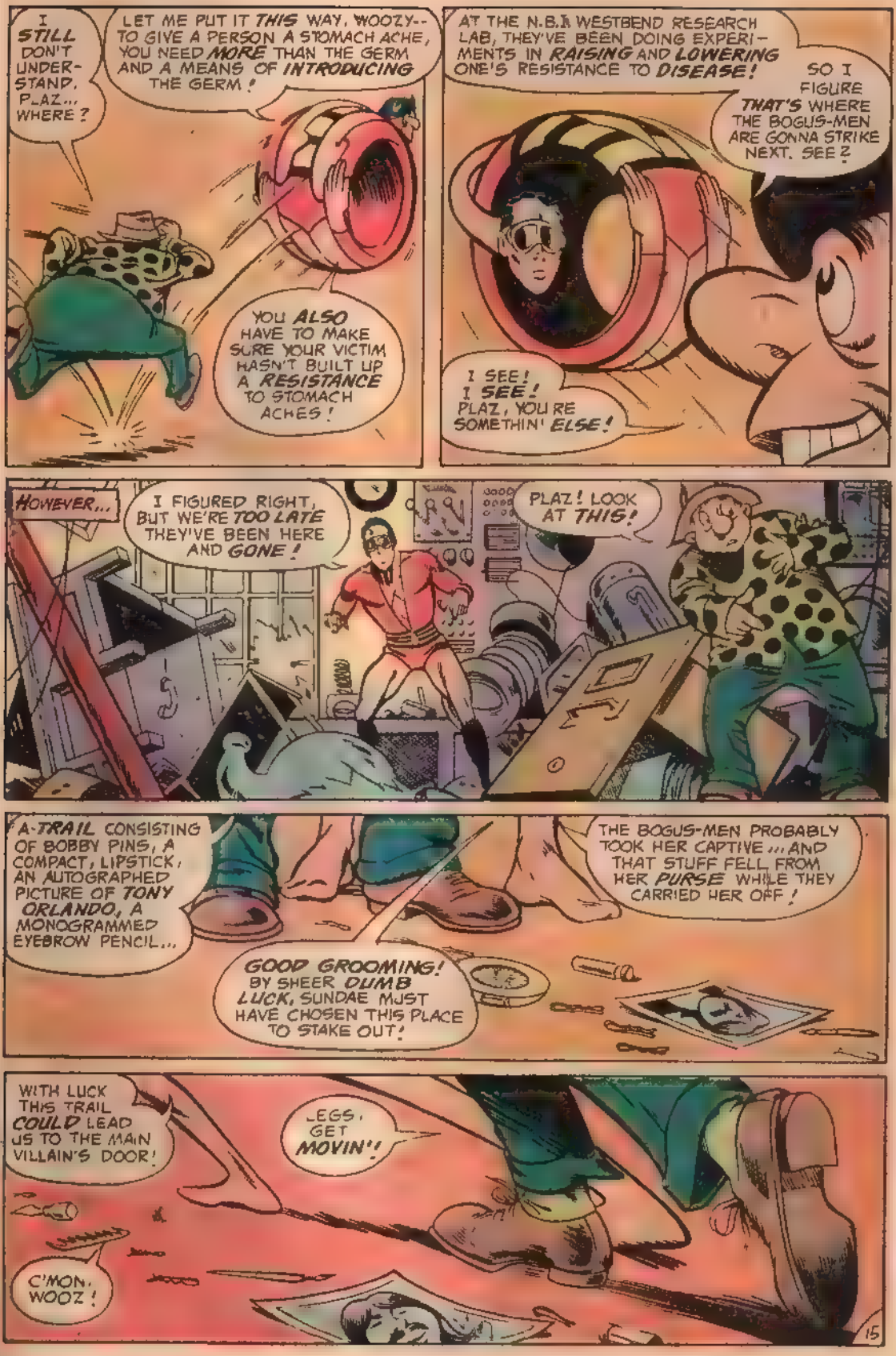
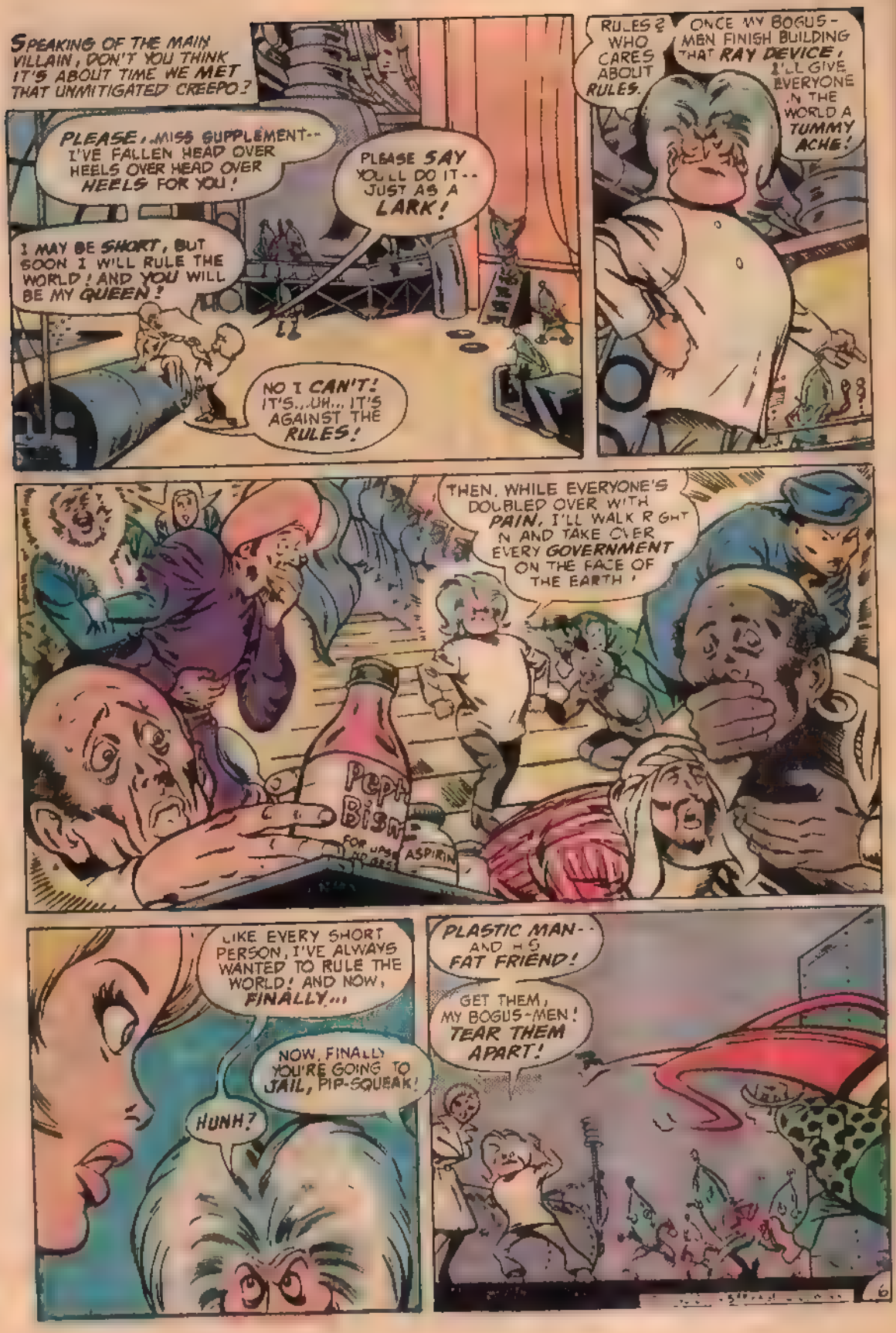

MAIM! KILL! DISTORT!
I'M TAKING OVER THIS NEWS PROGRAM...
...JUST SO I CAN INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE VIEWING PUBLIC!
I AM CARROT-MAN, THE FANTASTIC SUPER-CRIMINAL WHO'S GOING TO STEAL THE FABULOUS SPRINGS-ETERNAL DIAMOND.
AND NOBODY'S GONNA STOP ME! NOT EVEN THE GREAT PLASTIC MAN!
...THOUGH I CHALLENGE THAT GOODY-TWO-SHOES TO TRY!
WHEW! THAT CARROT-MAN CERTAINLY HAS GONE WHACKO!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE N.B.I. H.Q. ...
...SO WE KNOW THAT IN THEIR FIRST RAID THE BOGUS-MEN STOLE SOME STOMACH-ACHE VIRUS CULTURE, AND IN THEIR SECOND RAID THEY TOOK THE PLANS FOR A GIANT RAY PROJECTOR...
IF ONLY WE COULD LEARN WHY...
MAYBE THEY'RE PLANNING TO GIVE EVERYONE IN THE WORLD A STOMACH ACHE!
HMM... IF THAT'S TRUE, IT WOULD SEEM THEY ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED...
NO, CHIEF! I DISAGREE!
I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT, BUT I'M CERTAIN THERE'S SOMETHING MORE!
CHIEF! CHIEF! DID YOU SEE WHAT JUST HAPPENED ON TELEVISION?


PLAZ, YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS! YOU'RE THE ONE HE CHALLENGED!
HUNH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HORNSBY?
AND, ONCE THE STORY THIS BEEN TOLD...
WELL, PLAZ! IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU OFF THE BOGUS-MEN CASE, SO YOU CAN HANDLE THIS CARROT-MAN CHARACTER.
WHAT?? NOW WAIT A MINUTE, CHIEF, I'M--
YAYY! AND GOODY GOODY!
THAT MEANS A CASE HAS OPENED UP! AND YOU... UH... SAID YOU'D PUT ME ON THE NEXT CASE THAT OPENED UP--REMEMBER, SIR?
HUNH? BUT BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF! THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID!
LLP!
WELL, IF I SAID IT, I SAID IT! HERE, SUNDAE--THIS IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE PLACES THE BOGUS-MEN MAY STRIKE NEXT!
CHOOSE ONE AND STAKE THE PLACE OUT!
YES, SIR!
HONEY WEST AND APRIL DANCER, MOVE... UH... OVER! I'M A FULL-FLEDGED SECRET AGENT NOW!
DON'T WORRY, CHIEF! SHE WON'T FOUL UP THINGS TOO BADLY!
I'VE ALMOST GOT THIS BOGUS-MEN CASE SOLVED... ALL BY MYSELF!
I GIVE UP! WHAT IS IT, FOYLE? A DRESS? A BOY SCOUT UNIFORM? A TABLE CLOTH?
BETCHA CAN'T GUESS WHAT I'VE GOT ON UNDER THIS COAT...


NO! IT'S A BOGUS-MAN SUIT!
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO INFILTRATE THE ENEMY RANKS WITH EASE!
SO TAKE IT LIGHT, CHIEF--I'LL SOLVE THIS CASE SO FAST, IT'LL MAKE YOUR HEAD SWIM!
SECRET
GET OUT! GET OUT! ALL OF YOU!
SHORTLY..
MUSEUM of MUNDANE ART
MMA
WELL HERE WE ARE!
AND AROUND BACK..
WELL, HERE I AM...
AND, HERE I GO!
AND THERE IT IS!
THE FANTABULOUS SPRINGS-ETERNAL DIAMOND!


THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO, FELLA! YOU WERE A FOOL TO ANNOUNCE YOUR THIEVING PLANS... ESPECIALLY AS A CHALLENGE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK YOU GOGGLE-EYED GLOB OF PLASTIC GLOP!
HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
HA!
IT'S THESE THINGS ON MY UNIFORM THAT LOOK LIKE WARTS!
THEY'RE ACTUALLY RESISTORS, THE FIRST CREATION OF MY EVIL BRAIN. THEY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO TOUCH ME!
SOME UNSEEN FORCE THROWING ME BACK!
OH YEAH?
BLOW
TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT WEARING ONE ON TOP OF YOUR POINTED LITTLE HEAD, FLAT-TOP!
UNHH!
WAIT A MINUTE! RESISTORS... RESISTANCE! THAT'S IT, WOOZY! THAT'S THE ANSWER!
HUNH?
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT, PAL?
HERE, OFFICER-- CART THIS FOOLISH CRIMINAL OFF TO JAIL!
WAIT! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'M AN IMPORTANT SUPER-VILLAIN!
HUNH? WHERE TO?
C'MON, WOOZY! LET'S GO!!
?!
WAAAIT!


I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND, PLAZ... WHERE?
LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, WOOZY-- TO GIVE A PERSON A STOMACH ACHE, YOU NEED MORE THAN THE GERM AND A MEANS OF INTRODUCING THE GERM!
YOU ALSO HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOUR VICTIM HASN'T BUILT UP A RESISTANCE TO STOMACH ACHES!
AT THE N.B.I. WESTBEND RESEARCH LAB, THEY'VE BEEN DOING EXPERI-MENTS IN RAISING AND LOWERING ONE'S RESISTANCE TO DISEASE!
SO I FIGURE THAT'S WHERE THE BOGUS-MEN ARE GONNA STRIKE NEXT. SEE?
I SEE! I SEE! PLAZ, YOU'RE SOMETHIN' ELSE!
HOWEVER...
I FIGURED RIGHT, BUT WE'RE TOO LATE THEY'VE BEEN HERE AND GONE!
PLAZ! LOOK AT THIS!
A TRAIL CONSISTING OF BOBBY PINS, A COMPACT, LIPSTICK, AN AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE OF TONY ORLANDO, A MONOGRAMMED EYEBROW PENCIL...
GOOD GROOMING! BY SHEER DUMB LUCK, SUNDAE MUST HAVE CHOSEN THIS PLACE TO STAKE OUT!
THE BOGUS-MEN PROBABLY TOOK HER CAPTIVE... AND THAT STUFF FELL FROM HER PURSE WHILE THEY CARRIED HER OFF!
WITH LUCK THIS TRAIL COULD LEAD US TO THE MAIN VILLAIN'S DOOR!
LEGS, GET MOVIN'!
C'MON, WOOZ!


SPEAKING OF THE MAIN VILLAIN, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE MET THAT UNMITIGATED CREEPO?
PLEASE, MISS GUPPLEMENT-- I'VE FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS OVER HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU!
PLEASE SAY YOU'LL DO IT-- JUST AS A LARK!
I MAY BE SHORT, BUT SOON I WILL RULE THE WORLD! AND YOU WILL BE MY QUEEN!
NO I CAN'T! IT'S...UH... IT'S AGAINST THE RULES!
RULES? WHO CARES ABOUT RULES.
ONCE MY BOGUS-MEN FINISH BUILDING THAT RAY DEVICE, I'LL GIVE EVERYONE IN THE WORLD A TUMMY ACHE!
THEN, WHILE EVERYONE'S DOUBLED OVER WITH PAIN, I'LL WALK RIGHT IN AND TAKE OVER EVERY GOVERNMENT ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
Pepto Bismo
FOR UPSET STOMACHS
ASPIRIN
LIKE EVERY SHORT PERSON, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO RULE THE WORLD! AND NOW, FINALLY...
NOW, FINALLY YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL, PIP-SQUEAK!
HUNH?
PLASTIC MAN-- AND HIS FAT FRIEND!
GET THEM, MY BOGUS-MEN! TEAR THEM APART!
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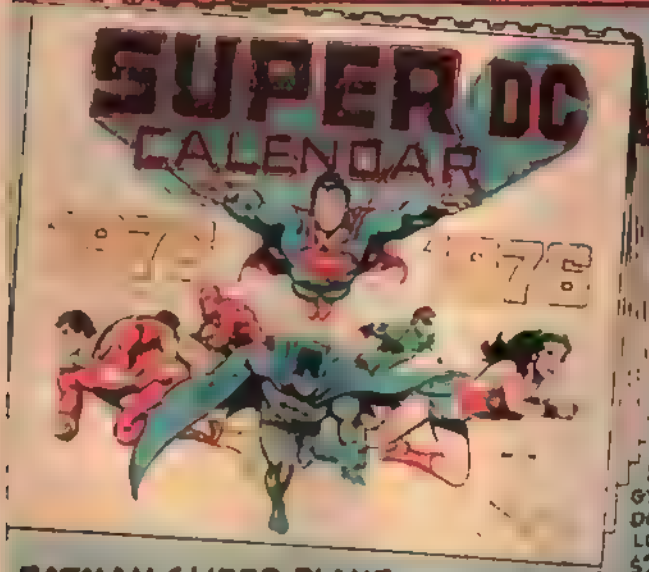

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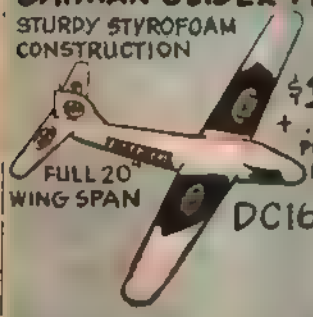

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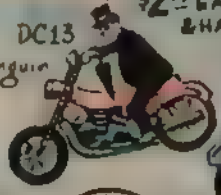

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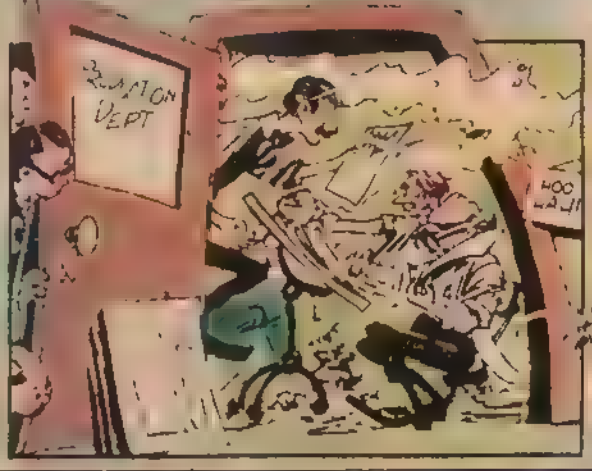

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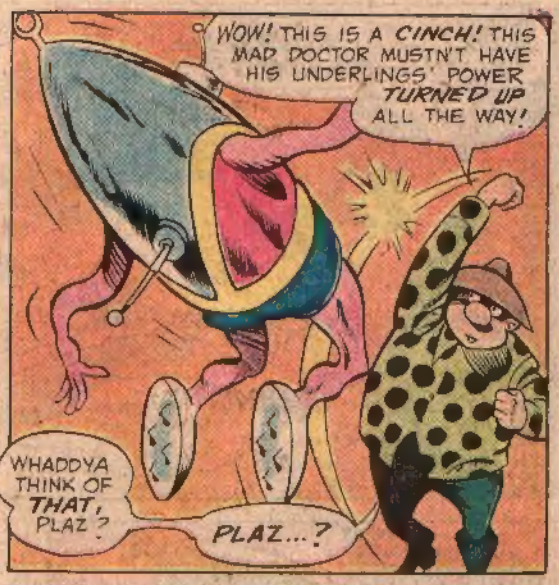
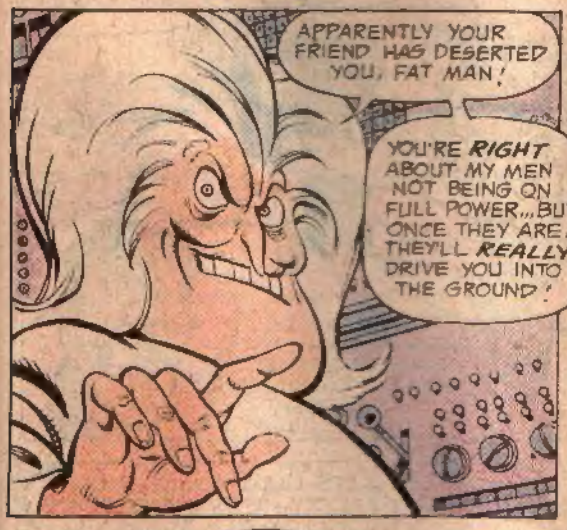
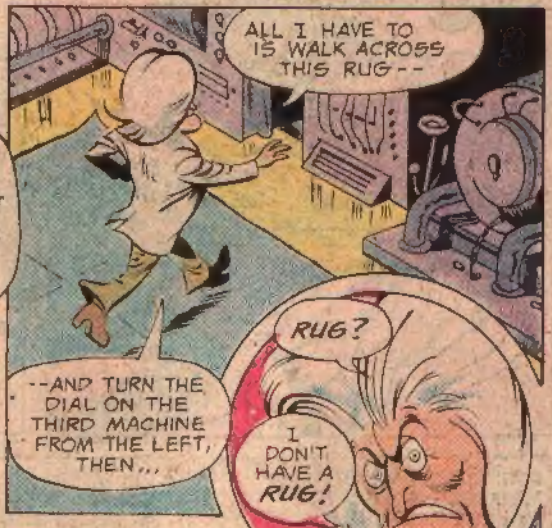
IF THERE'S ONE THING I'M GOOD AT, IT'S FIGHTING!

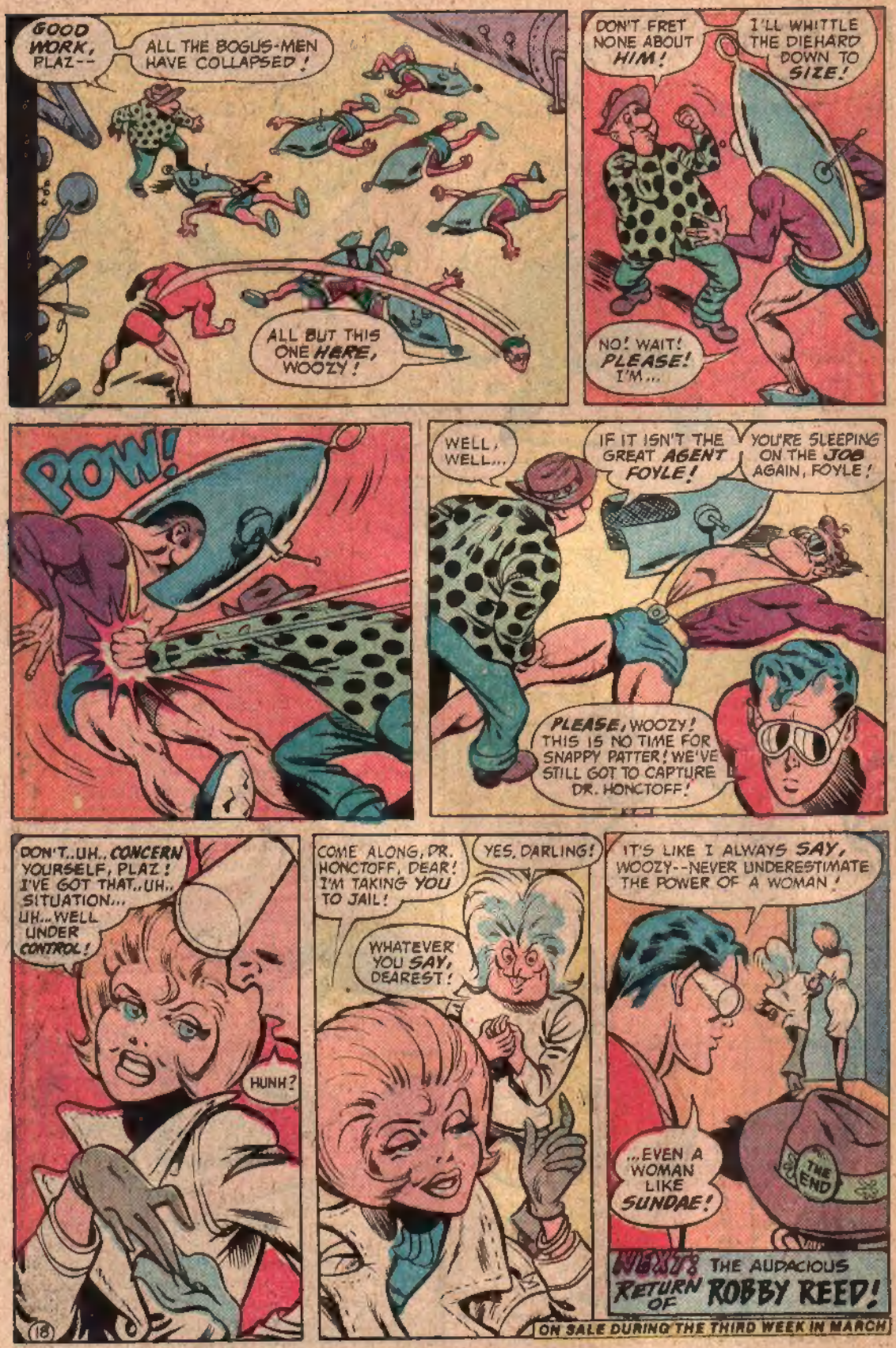

WOW! THIS IS A CINCH! THIS MAD DOCTOR MUSTN'T HAVE HIS UNDERLINGS' POWER TURNED UP ALL THE WAY!
WHADDYA THINK OF THAT, PLAZ?
PLAZ...?


APPARENTLY YOUR FRIEND HAS DESERTED YOU, FAT MAN!
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT MY MEN NOT BEING ON FULL POWER... BUT ONCE THEY ARE, THEY'LL REALLY DRIVE YOU INTO THE GROUND!


ALL I HAVE TO IS WALK ACROSS THIS RUG--
--AND TURN THE DIAL ON THE THIRD MACHINE FROM THE LEFT, THEN...
RUG?
I DON'T HAVE A RUG!

YOU DO NOW, HONCTOFF!
OOP!

AND THANKS FOR POINTING OUT WHICH MACHINE IS WHICH!
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PULL THE PLUG ON YOUR NASTY LITTLE SCHEME-- LIKE SO!


GOOD WORK, PLAZ--
ALL THE BOGUS-MEN HAVE COLLAPSED!
ALL BUT THIS ONE HERE, WOOZY!
DON'T FRET NONE ABOUT HIM!
I'LL WHITTLE THE DIEHARD DOWN TO SIZE!
NO! WAIT! PLEASE! I'M...
POW!
WELL, WELL...
IF IT ISN'T THE GREAT AGENT FOYLE!
YOU'RE SLEEPING ON THE JOB AGAIN, FOYLE!
PLEASE, WOOZY! THIS IS NO TIME FOR SNAPPY PATTER! WE'VE STILL GOT TO CAPTURE DR. HONCTOFF!
DON'T..UH.. CONCERN YOURSELF, PLAZ! I'VE GOT THAT..UH.. SITUATION... UH... WELL UNDER CONTROL!
HUNH?
COME ALONG, DR. HONCTOFF, DEAR! I'M TAKING YOU TO JAIL!
YES, DARLING!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, DEAREST!
IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, WOOZY--NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A WOMAN!
...EVEN A WOMAN LIKE SUNDAE!
THE END
NEXT: THE AUDACIOUS RETURN OF ROBBY REED!
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PLASTIC POSTCARDS

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Usually when we send out advance copies of new magazines, we try to pick unbiased critics in our audience who have made their presence known in many other letter columns. However, PLASTIC MAN had to go to a different group. No sooner did we mention that proof copies of PLAZ had bounced back from the printer, than our closest fan friends besieged us for an opportunity to say their piece. And since we want to live long enough to read the next issue, here they are . . .

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Dear Gerry and Paul,

Thank you for bringing back **Plastic Man**, and this time, I **mean** bringing him back. Although "The Hamsters Of Doom" is labelled #11 because of the ten previous attempts to present tales of the Pliable Policeman at **DC**, this is really the first that succeeds.

In Steve Skeates, your editorial team has found the perfect author to combine just enough serious plot with all the other calamities going on to make **Plastic Man**'s adventures worth reading.

The artwork of Ramona Fradon and Tenny Henson seems to do justice to **Plas**—sometimes self-described as "a plate of limp spaghetti" and sometimes like a box of rubber bands gone insane—but doesn't do justice to Woozy Winks. Woozy looks more like Porky Pig in this first issue. Perhaps he'll "flesh out" as time goes by.

In the meantime, Steve Skeates' sense of humor has been given free rein, and it is delightful to see. The universe of **Plastic Man** is a whacky, wonderful place—where talking hamsters, pipe-smoking authors named Neal Dennis, and sexy seven-year-olds named Prissy Chichester seem as normal as my morning bowl of corn flakes.

Don't confuse the universe of **Plastic Man** with that of **Elongated Man** and other serious super-heroes. They're two completely different things. And please don't call him "Plaz"—it's P-L-A-S!

Fred Schneider, New York, New York

Every editor feels duty-bound to make his own creative contribution to a character—we loved the original PLASTIC MAN so much that we didn't want to change anything major, and satisfied our creative urgings with a minor name change. (See, new secrets behind the comics revealed all the time!)

As for SERIOUS super-heroes, we have no plans in that direction—but a somewhat less than serious super-star will be popping up in the next issue. Way back in HOUSE OF MYSTERY #180, a second-string super-hero guest-starred PLAZ in a tale that led to PLASTIC MAN #1-10, so we're returning the favor by featuring Robby Reed (of DIAL H FOR HERO) in "If I Kill Me, Will I Die?"

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Dear People,

I like it! I like it! Oh, do I like it! **PLASTIC MAN** #11 goes down in my book as the best new comic of the year . . . and after some of the new goodies that have come from **DC** recently, that's saying a whole bunch!

Steve Skeates and Ramona Fradon (as well as Tenny Henson) have brought back the style and flavor that Jack Cole put into **Plastic Man** way back in the forties and early fifties. But while there are similarities, there's also a fresh new approach to the series that's a definite plus.

What more can I say? **Plastic Man**, a la the late, great Jack Cole, was my favorite series ever since I first saw it years ago in an old copy of **POLICE COMICS**. Now under the talented typewriter and pencil of Skeates and Fradon, it's right up there as the best again.

Thank you for **PLASTIC MAN**.

Paul Kupperberg, Brooklyn, New York

As we've said before, we're also admirers of Cole's classic work, and we're proud to have come near his quality (in your judgment). And, as promised, here's the first installment in the bios of PLAZ's new team: We asked Steve Skeates if he would mind writing a short autobiographical sketch to satisfy the two or possibly three readers who might be interested in such a space-filler. Here's what Mr. Skeates had to say . . .

"Yes, I would mind."

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